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CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS OF THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

(ADOPTED 17th JAN., 1882.)

ARTICLE I.

OF ITS OBJECTS.

The Natural History Society of New Brunswick is established for the purpose of promoting the study of the Physical Sciences, for effecting the formation of a general and Provincial Museum, and a Scientific Library, and for the purpose of facilitating the acquirement and dissemination of useful knowledge.

ARTICLE II.

OF ITS CONSTITUTION.

1. The Society shall consist of five classes, namely: Ordinary Members, Members for Life, Corresponding Members, Honorary Members, and Associate Members.
2. Members shall be persons desirous of forwarding the objects of the Society.
3. Corresponding Members shall be persons residing at least ten miles from the City of St. John.
4. Members for life shall be persons who may make donations of \$40 in money, in articles for the Museum, or books for the library (the two latter to be valued by competent persons); or who may be elected as such at the annual general meeting of the Society, for important services performed, and after due notice has been given.
5. Honorary Members shall be persons of high standing, who are eminent for their scientific attainments.
6. Associate Members shall consist of Ladies who shall be instituted by the Council.
7. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, a Librarian, and three Curators; all of whom shall be elected annually from the ordinary members, and shall be re-eligible.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

1. All persons desirous of being admitted into the Society, either as Ordinary Members, Corresponding Members, or Members for Life, must be proposed agreeably to form (A.) in the Appendix hereto, which form must be subscribed by at least two members of the Society.

2. Honorary Members must be recommended by at least three members, who shall certify that the candidate is a person eminent for his attainments in Science.

3. Every recommendation of a candidate, as an Honorary Member, must be delivered to the Recording Secretary, who shall submit the same to the Council for enquiry; and when the recommendation of such candidate is approved by the Council, it shall be signed by the Chairman, and read at the first following ordinary meeting, previous to the ballot being taken.

4. The proportion of votes requisite for the election of any person, shall be at least three-fourths of the ballot.

5. Whenever any person is elected an Ordinary Member, the Recording Secretary shall immediately inform him of the same by letter (according to form B. in the Appendix); and the election of Corresponding, Life and Honorary Members shall, likewise, be communicated to them by the same officer, as soon as possible, by a letter suitable to each particular case; and no person shall be considered a member of any class until he has signified his acquiescence in the election.

6. Every person elected an Ordinary Member is required to pay his first contribution within three months of the day of his election.

7. Ladies desirous of admission to the Society as Associate Members, shall have their names submitted to the Council through the Recording Secretary: and if approved, shall be instituted members of this class without election, of which institution notice shall be given according to form B of the Appendix.

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

1. The Officers of the Society with three members to form a Council, shall be elected annually by ballot at the General Meeting of the Society, on the third Tuesday in January.

2. The officers shall enter upon the discharge of their respective duties at the meeting following their election; and the Council for the past year shall continue in office until that time.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBERS.

1. The first annual contribution of each Ordinary Member shall be the sum of \$3, and the annual contribution of such member after the first, shall be the sum of \$2. All contributions to be due in advance on the 1st day of January; and all new members to pay their contribution for the year in which they are elected, unless elected after the 1st day of October.

2. No Ordinary member whose annual contribution shall be in arrears for one year, shall be eligible to office, or to vote at any meeting of the Society ; and should such annual contribution remain unpaid for two years the member shall be notified personally to pay the same within twenty days ; and if the same should remain unpaid after the expiration of such notice, the name of such member shall be erased from the roll of the Society at the next monthly meeting thereof.

3. The annual contribution of each Associate Member shall be one dollar (\$1), and shall become due at the same time as those of Ordinary Members, and Associate Members shall forfeit membership when default of payment for one year has been satisfactorily shown to the Council.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The President shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Society at which he is present, and shall regulate and keep order in the proceedings. It shall be his duty to state and put questions, according to the sense and intention of the meeting, and to carry into effect the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Society. In the absence of the President, a Vice-President shall preside ; and if the President and Vice-Presidents are absent, the members present may elect a Chairman for the occasion.

ARTICLE VII.

OF THE COUNCIL.

1. The Council shall consist of the Officers of the Society and three other members, who shall have the general direction and management of the affairs of the Society.

2. The Council shall meet at least once a month during the Session, or oftener if necessary, to conduct the general routine business ; and any two members thereof may, by letter to the Secretary, require a special meeting to be called, two days' notice of which must be given to each member of the Council.

3. At any meeting of the Council, five members thereof shall constitute a quorum.

4. The Council shall have power to appoint Committees for special objects connected with the affairs and business of the Society, and the reports of such Committees shall be submitted to the Council previously to their being read to the Society.

5. The Council shall draw up a yearly Report upon the state of the Society, in which they shall give an abstract of all the proceedings, and of the receipts and expenses of the past year to be accompanied by vouchers ; and such report shall be read at the Annual General Meeting.

6. In case of any office becoming vacant by death, or otherwise, the Council shall have power to appoint any eligible member to fill the place ; and in case of any officer being unable, through illness, absence, or otherwise, to perform his duties, the Council shall have power to relieve him therefrom, and to appoint any other eligible member to fill the office for the time being.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF THE TREASURER.

1. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Society and shall deposit the same in any bank of the City of Saint John, approved by the Council; and shall collect all the fees, fines, &c., and shall keep a regular account of the income and expenditure of the Society, which account he shall lay before the Council whenever required.

2. No sum of money payable on account of the Society, shall be paid at any time, except by order of the Council, signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE SECRETARIES.

1. The duty of the Recording Secretary shall be to attend the meetings of the Society and of the Council; to take minutes of all their proceedings and to enter them in the proper books; to read the minutes of the preceding meeting, with a view to their verification, and have them signed by the Chairman, as an attestation of their accuracy; to record and announce any donations made to the Society; to give notice of any candidate proposed for admission, or to be balloted for; and to read the letters and papers addressed to the Society, in the order of time in which they were received, unless the Council shall otherwise determine.

2. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Society and Council.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE LIBRARIAN AND CURATORS.

1. The duty of the Curators shall be to have the superintendence of the Museum; to take charge and care of all articles given to the Society and deposited with it, except when the same shall fall under the supervision of the Librarian. They shall also in concert with the Committees, in the various departments, arrange, label and catalogue the articles and specimens contained therein.

2. The duty of the Librarian shall be to take charge and care of all books, papers, maps and drawings of the Society; to catalogue the books of the Library, and to issue them to the members of the Society in accordance with the rules, now and hereafter to be enacted.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS.

1. Meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday in every month, and the chair may be taken when five members are present.

2. The chair shall be taken by the officer or member entitled to the same; the business of the evening shall commence at eight o'clock precisely, or at such hour as the Council may appoint, and be conducted in the order prescribed by the Bye-Laws.

3. Every member shall have the privilege of introducing two visitors to be present at the public business of the Society, by ticket of admission, on which the name and address of each visitor must be written.

ARTICLE XII.

OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday in January, at 8 o'clock in the evening, to receive and deliberate upon the report of the Council on the state of the Society, and to elect the officers and members of the Council for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF THE PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The whole of the property and effects of the Society, of what kind soever, shall be vested in the Council of the Society, and subject to its control for the time being.

2.—Every paper, map, plan, or drawing, which may be presented to the Society, shall be the property thereof, unless there shall have been a previous arrangement to the contrary; and the Council may publish the same in connection with their transactions, or with the consent of the author, in any other form.

3. No communication made to the Society shall be published by any other person but the author, without the previous consent of the Council.

4. No papers, plans, maps, or other property belonging to the Society, shall be taken out of the rooms thereof, without the consent of the Council, or in accordance with a Bye-Law hereafter enacted; but every member shall have a right to inspect the same at such hours as the Council may direct.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF DONATIONS.

1. The names of all persons who shall have contributed to the Museum or Library during the past year, shall be read at the annual general meeting; and such persons shall be recorded as benefactors, in a book kept for the purpose, and in the published transactions of the Society.

ARTICLE XV.

No alteration of, amendment of, nor addition to this Constitution shall be made, except at the annual general meeting, and after a previous notice of at least one month, given to the Council, stating the subject and nature of such alteration, amendment, or addition by the member or members proposing it; and no such amendment nor addition shall be adopted, except by a vote of *two-thirds* of the ordinary members present at such annual general meeting.

BYE-LAWS.

I. At the ordinary meetings of the Society, the following order of business shall be attended to, as closely as circumstances will admit:

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting to be read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman; and no entry shall be considered valid until this be complete.
2. New members to be introduced to the meeting.
3. Names of candidates for admission to be announced.
4. Business arising out of the Minutes to be acted upon.
5. Communications received since the last meeting to be announced, and read if required.
6. Communications from the Council to be brought forward.
7. Candidates to be balloted for.
8. Donations received to be acknowledged.
9. New business to be taken up.
10. Papers on the Lists to be read.

II. It shall be competent for any member of the Society to propose a question for discussion, and notice of such question and of the subject of papers and essays presented for reading at any meeting shall be given beforehand to the members in such manner as the Council may determine.

III. It shall be the duty of the Council to make such rules for the care of the Library and the issue of the books to the members of the Society as they may deem necessary and proper.

IV. Alterations of these Bye-Laws may be made at any Ordinary Meeting, by a vote of a majority of the Ordinary Members present thereat—one month's previous notice of the proposed alteration having been given at an Ordinary Meeting of the Society.

APPENDIX TO THE CONSTITUTION.

FORM A.

[Here state the Christian name, surname, usual place of residence, and pursuit of the Candidate,] being desirous of admission into the Natural History Society of New Brunswick, we, the undersigned, propose and recommend him as a proper person to become a _____ member thereof.

Witness our hands, this _____ day of _____ 18____

(_____)
(_____)

FORM B.

ST. JOHN, N. B., _____ 18____

_____, I have the pleasure of informing you that on _____ day of _____ you were _____ a _____ Member of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick, and I herewith send a copy of the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

The fees are payable to _____ of _____
Treasurer of the Society.

I am, dear _____, yours very truly,

R. Secretary.

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